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Dear Mr. Conner,

I just finished reading a Staff Report on the new, tighter standards proposed for a USDA Grassfed label in the July issue of The Stockman Grassfarmer. I thought I'd take a moment to let you know that I endorse the tighter standards and feel that I could comply with that protocol without too much difficulty with my flock of Katahdin sheep. I am deeply committed to the concept of diversified, sustainable agriculture. Up here, in the Saint Lawrence River Valley, growing grass is what our land does best and I believe that, with the right market development and support, we are prepared to compete with anyone in the production of grassfed beef and lamb. A label which represents the highest, reasonable standards of production will allow a grassfed product to better distinguish itself to knowledgeable consumers and, ultimately, inspire increased demand for a superior product.

Sincerely,